

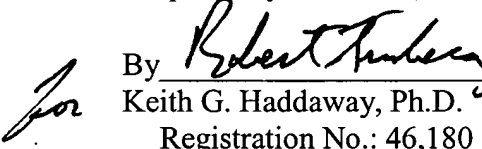
REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is made to eliminate multiple claim dependency, renumber the claims, and add a new claim. Examination on the merits of the application is requested.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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Respectfully submitted,

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